



# **RAIDER'S NEWSLETTER**

**HHT 3-4 CAV FRG Newsletter**  
**July 2004**

## **Roundup from Raider 7**

I would like to begin by thanking the families of the Raider Troopers for their continued support and love. This is evident by the "tons" (Literally!) of mail and packages that are received here by our S1 section. The little touch of home makes a big difference on the morale of our soldiers. It has been a busy couple of months here in Afghanistan. The Raider Recon Platoon (dubbed the "Rat Patrol") has already executed 16 missions in efforts to help stabilize the country. Our maintenance section has been working day and night to keep the vehicles of this Squadron combat ready. Our medical section has been sent out to the local villages providing immediate medical care for the local children and families, and the staff sections continue to monitor and plan missions ongoing throughout our designated area. All in all, our troopers have been performing flawlessly and continue to execute any mission any time.

You can see the efforts of our commo section by visiting the 3-4 CAV website at:

**[www.3-4cav.com/saber](http://www.3-4cav.com/saber)**.

1SG Eric Dostie  
Raider 7

If you have any comments, concerns or suggestions regarding the newsletter, Troop or anything else, please contact the Troop Commander @ [Robert.horne@us.army.mil](mailto:Robert.horne@us.army.mil), the 1SG @ [eric.dostie@us.army.mil](mailto:eric.dostie@us.army.mil), or the FRG Leader Natalie Horne at 671-6290 or email to [aramora@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:aramora@hawaii.rr.com)

## **SQUADRON FORMATION**



## **Commanders Corner:**

This has been an interesting two months! The Soldiers got to meet Heraldo as he spent a couple of days in and around our AO. Some of the lucky Soldiers even got on TV.

The Rat Patrol is up and running and is conducting missions at a rapid pace. Some of the standout members include: SSG Alejandro, SFC Danley, SGT Perez, SGT Harlan, CPT Thomas, SGT Chavez, SGT Leuta, SPC Wilson, SPC McGregor, SPC Kemp, SPC Castro, PFC Davis, and PFC Zielezinski. Give these Troopers an extra pat on the back, they are really pulling the bulk of the missions "outside the wire" and they love the glory it is bringing them.

Leaves and passes start this month and we will send our Troopers home for two weeks, as airplane transportation is made available. Remember, we have to be flexible with the timing as only 10% of the Troop can leave at one time, but at least the airfare is free.

CPT Robert Horne  
Raider 6

## HELLO BACK HOME FROM:

SPC Densmore, SPC White, and SGT Brooks  
in the Medic Platoon and S3.



**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**  
**On your promotion!**

**CPT Thomas**  
**SGT Curry**  
**SGT Harlan**  
**SGT Magee**  
**SGT Harris**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU:

### JULY:

16<sup>th</sup> SGT Brian Chavez  
17<sup>th</sup> SPC Kirk Price  
21<sup>st</sup> Chaplain Andrew Lawrence  
25<sup>th</sup> CW4 Jeffrey Bradshaw  
27<sup>th</sup> SGT Michael Ridling

### AUGUST:

4<sup>th</sup> CPL Jacob Willhoite  
7<sup>th</sup> SGT Daniel Del Rosario  
8<sup>th</sup> PFC Hansel Davis  
11<sup>th</sup> SPC Nick Densmore

## *The Soldier's Spouse*

*They wait earnestly by the phone  
Or by the mailbox for a letter  
They wait for the sound of an e-mail ding  
For just a postcard or whatever.*

*Just a simple something to help them  
For their hearts are often yearning  
To hear from their far away CAV soldier  
With the desire in their hearts still burning.*

*They watch CNN or the FOX news station  
Or sometimes they sit and often cry  
Praying in their beds late at night  
It wasn't their spouse that had to die.*

*But they remain faithful in their hearts  
And they try hard to understand  
About their beloved soldier's life  
Fighting for others in that far away land.*

*They too pay the price of freedom  
Just by being a soldier's spouse  
But they never get a hero's medal  
Though they too are heroes without a doubt.*

*By Mark A. Danley now serving with Raider Troop  
Copyright 27 June 2004*

## DEPLOYMENT PROGRAMS:

National Military Family Association and Sears has created a program called **OPERATION PURPLE** which allows military children to attend summer camp, FREE of charge. The program helps cope with the stresses of deployment, art projects, team building and reflection. For more info go to [www.nmfa.org](http://www.nmfa.org) or call (800) 260-0218. The camp is available in Hawaii.

**Helping Out Others Around the House (HOOAH)** is a program designed to assist families with jobs that need to be completed around the house such as lawn service, car washing, dish washing, baby sitting and other related chores. For more info call 655-0451.

**Spouse's Night Out** is a program design to get out of the house every Thursday night from 6:30-9:30pm. Blue Star Car holders receive FREE childcare by reservation only. Call 655-3929.

## **DID YOU KNOW...**

Remember to visit Tricare on-line at [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com), where you can now schedule appointments.

The 25<sup>th</sup> ID (L) website [www.25idl.army.mil](http://www.25idl.army.mil) is a great place to get up-to-date information about OEF. Click on the link and it will take you there. Raider Troop Newsletters are also posted here.

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 12-4pm stop by the Tropics for care package supplies to send to deployed soldiers for FREE.

**Chaminade University** is offering 25% off of tuition to all family members of a deployed soldier for undergraduate courses. Call 624-2515.

**Yellow Ribbon Room** with computers and Internet access in Squadron CR available to spouses during the deployment.

## **DEPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

Rear D-Commander CPT Tony Cole (808)656-4060  
Senior NCO SSG Laverne White (808)627-0851

coleAL@schofield.army.mil  
whiteLA@schofield.army.mil

### **Deployment Mailing Address**

Do not include the Soldier's rank, social security number, operation name, deployed city or county

**Soldier's Full Name**  
**HHT/3-4 Cavalry**  
**APO AE 09355**

**"25" Sticker Community Discounts** – Various business are going to participate in community discounts for military. Stores will display a yellow "25" sticker displayed in the window in honor of the Division that's fighting for their safety. The program will last through the length of the deployment. The following areas are participating: Wahiawa Merchants, Mililani Marketplace, Mililani Shopping Center, Town Center of Mililani, Haleiwa/North Shore, Pearl Ridge Shopping Center. Look for the stickers and show your military ID card.

**Blue Star Card** – the deployment discount card provides discounts such as: free drivers education class, free Saturday classes at the Health & Fitness Center, free golf clinic at Kalakaua, free oil check and auto advice at Auto Crafts Center, free childcare options from CYS and 10% off of the following MWR Facilities: Nehelani, Hale Ikena, Reggie's, Mulligan's, All Army Bowling Centers, Kalakaua Grill, Leilehua Grill

**Public Affairs Office (PAO)** in charge of all media coverage for deployments. If you want to do an interview with a TV/radio/newspaper station, PLEASE make sure you go through the PAO office directly to CPT Kathleen Turner at 656-8729/4815